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"The hard work and dedication of the Probation and Parole representatives was evident in the outstanding amount of money that was raised," said Steve Brawley, Crime Victim Advocacy Center Board of Directors President. "This is a substantial contribution and will help hundreds of victims over the next year receive necessary services they otherwise would not receive."

TRIVIA NIGHT RAISES \$14,582 FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

The Missouri Department of Corrections – Board of Probation and Parole worked in partnership with the Crime Victim Advocacy Center of St. Louis for the 4th annual Trivia Night in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Through registration, cash donations and more than 150 businesses and individuals who donated to the silent auction, \$14,852 was raised to provide direct services to victims of crime and violence in the St. Louis area.

The Crime Victim Advocacy Center of St. Louis will utilize these funds to provide access to resources, counseling, and individual advocacy to help victims overcome the negative effects of crime. Crime Victim Advocacy Center serves more than 5,000 victims through direct services and education on victims issues and rights.

"The incredible success of this year's Trivia Night is a wonderful example of how our staff impact the communities we serve," said Scott Johnston, Chief State Supervisor of the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole. "The probation and parole staff that took the initiative to make this event happen do so because they know well the impact that crime has on our communities and the need to care for the individual victims of crime. I have the utmost respect and admiration for all of those responsible for the great success of this year's Trivia Night."

The Crime Victim Advocacy Center is the nation's oldest victim service agency dedicated to serving victims of any and all crimes. For more information, please call (314) 652-3623 or visit online at

www.supportvictims.org.